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## Reservists answered the call, some will stay

*A number of reservists who were called to active duty want to stay active*

By JO2 Eric D. Ritter &  
JO1 Patrick Lane

From the early years of our country's existence through two world wars and several regional conflicts, our nation has called upon the armed forces to answer the call to duty in every corner of the globe. In each of our country's major conflicts, the armed forces have called upon our citizen soldiers and sailors in the reserve ranks to assist in answering that call.

Today, thousands of those reservists are standing posts in the war against terror.

Within days of the September 11 attacks, President George Bush put out the call and reservists all across the nation were mobilized. A television technician from Colorado; a prison guard from Florida; a Highway Patrolman from Ala-

bama and many others set aside their civilian lives, packed their seabags and reported for duty here.

Leaving jobs and families behind at a moment's notice is no easy task. The sacrifices are many and the challenges are great but they respond whether they like it or not.

As can be expected, many reservists weren't happy at first about receiving, in most instances, year-long orders away from those jobs and their families. But, after time, most of those settled into their new role serving their country and in the war on terror. Some, especially here at NAS Fallon, began to appreciate it so much that they are choosing to leave the reserves and go active duty.

"There are a variety of reasons why some of these guys want to stay active," said Reserve Liaison ABHC Larry Herrera. "Some of them have had problems finding a steady civilian job, and they want the job stabil-

ity in the Navy. And, some of them realize that they already have many years invested in the military, so they might as well finish out to retirement."

While active here, the reservists are filling holes in the security personnel line that had to be created after 9/11. At that time, the base's security and auxiliary security force was stretched to exhaustive means. For those folks, seeing the reservists come in to lend a hand was more than a welcome sight.

You can see them working just about every job that the base security department performs here. They're at the gates checking personnel and property. They're in the patrol cars checking the base perimeter as well involved with many other training aspects to help keep the base and its personnel safe.

Some of the reservists have a much deeper reason staying active.

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Working alongside active duty member MASA Micahla Peacock, ET2 Lyndon Ploeger, an activated reservist from Mankato, MN., checks identification cards at the front gate. Most of the more than 50 reservists currently serving here are augmenting the Base Security Force.

## Sailors take to the track to 'charm the snake'

By JO1 Patrick Lane

Rattlesnake Raceway dropped the green flag for the 2002 racing season with a mud-slinging, bumper-bumping, bone rattling roar on May

4 to a packed house of dirt track enthusiasts. Veteran drivers and rookies alike sought to 'tame the snake' as the 14-event season began at the raceway located just off highway 50 on the east end of town, kicking off the track's 28th year. But, charming 'the snake' will take everything these drivers have, and more. "To race a short track you need 50 percent handling; 50 percent power and 100 percent driver to be successful," said ATCS(AW) Richard Baum, who works at Strike Fighter Wing Det., and serves as Track President. With short straightaways and tight, banked corners the clay track at Rattlesnake, "is a very difficult track to master," he said.

Though Senior Chief Baum has worked hard to improve the raceway and has become president

of the track, he is but one of many Navy personnel taking part in the excitement. According to Baum, the track is enjoying increased participation with base residents. "There are so many people who want to get involved and do something," he said, adding, "and it's not just drivers. Most of the people who administer the track and do everything from running the cage to working security are Sailors."

Rattlesnake Raceway has seen cycles of heightened popularity in the past, but is currently at a peak. In fact, the track boasts a 30 percent growth rate for the last two years and this year will likely exceed that mark.

Baum is now on his third tour at NAS Fallon and has seen the track though many of its ups and downs as interest in auto racing rises and falls. Having served twice with AIMD starting in 1985, and now with SFWD, Baum keeps returning to Fallon and Rattlesnake Raceway like the swallows of Capistrano. "People who race dirt track get smitten with it," he said. But, he admits, getting bit by the racing bug results in more than a love affair with speed. "It's an emotional roller-coaster," said

Baum of racing in front of hundreds of fans and experiencing the adrenaline overload of a tight race. "That's why it's so great; because there's so much at risk," he said, adding, "It's not a hobby, it's an obsession."

With improvements to the spectator area at the raceway and reduced ticket prices available from MWR's

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Sailors make up many of the drivers at Rattle Snake Raceway. SAR pilot, Lt. Clint Moxey drives his Longhorn car around a turn. (photo by JO1 Patrick Lane)

## Community day coming!

NAS Fallon is proud to open its gates to the general public of Churchill County on June 8 for a Community Day celebration. Though the Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration team is unable to appear at this year's event, we have lined up an exciting schedule of demonstrations and displays. Fallon's very own Top Gun pilots will provide an exhilarating flight demonstration along with the Fighting Saints of VFC-13.

Gates will open at 9 a.m., and ground demonstrations will begin at 10 a.m. America's finest combat pilots will take flight at noon to entertain the local community in a dazzling display of combat skill and military power. The ever popular Wall Of Fire will complete the show as the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center pilots make a final bombing run igniting 100-foot-high flames along the runway.

Plenty of food and drink will be available on the flight line where numerous aircraft will be on display such as a B-25 bomber, P-51 Mustang and several other airplanes and helicopters.

Due to our increased level of security, no coolers, backpacks or other containers will be allowed on base. Visitors arriving with these items will be required to return them to their vehicle after a search of the containers by security personnel. Adults with infants may carry a diaper bag. Additionally, no cans, bottles or alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the Air Station. Firearms, explosives or any other weapons also are prohibited as well as controlled substances (drugs, narcotics). We thank you for your cooperation in keeping the Naval Air Station and the Community day safe and secure.

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# Chaplain's Corner



By Cmdr Jack Kirk,  
Base Chaplain

My Dad taught me not to give up easily. When I was 8-years-old, Dad signed me up for little league baseball. He even helped coach the team. He put me at 2nd base where I was to learn how to play the position that first year.

Dads hit ground ball after ground ball to me, and pop up after pop up, until I finally learned to catch the ball and throw it accurately to first base. I learned to back up the first baseman. I learned to turn on the double play. It was wonderful, except that I still wasn't doing it correctly. I was working

on it. I was trying. I wanted to do it right. But it was frustrating. I wasn't the smooth professional that I saw on TV.

What the team did was good enough to win a championship that year. More importantly, as I look back on the experience, I learned that very often effort is more important than talent. In many areas of my life, I find I just plain don't have the talent, so I must put more effort into it to get the job done. In other areas I have the interest, but the gap in talent leaves much to be desired. I'm giving it my best shot. I'm trying. I'll make it. I simply

need to keep at it until I get it.

I believe effort is the pride and self respect that enables us to set our goals so that we might do our best to meet the challenges before us to successfully attain those goals. It's called "stick-to-it-iveness." For those who have the talent, it may be easier. That's true. But, if you put forth the effort, if you stick with it, you can end up at the same place.

On my business card, I have placed my motto for not giving up. I pray it may be yours also. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

## Reservist, From Page 1

According to IT2 Charolette Jones, the Navy is providing a fellowship she didn't have in the civilian sector.

"I did miss being on active duty," she said. "I missed the community. There are a lot of things that the Navy offers us that you can't get outside." According to Herrera, A lot of the reservists were a little bitter being called to active duty here, but after a while a few of them had the chance to see the good that they're doing for the base and Navy.

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

*Basic Risk Management can reduce your chances of being hurt or killed by taking steps to avoid Summer-time hazards. The big ones are: Swimming, boating, sports, alcohol, and traveling. Know your limits, take the proper courses for activities, wear PPE, monitor drinking, and take care in driving.*

Going active duty isn't an overnight process for many of the reservists. They have to be demobilized from their current active reserve duty positions first before they can return.

"Most of these guys aren't MAs, so when we demobilize them here, they will probably return to their designated rate if they go active again," said Herrera.

The choice to go active isn't an easy one. Though there is the feeling of a good military family, going active means changes for your domestic family.

According to Jones, "It was kind of a difficult decision for me to pursue going active. It meant that I would have to leave the members of my family behind at times, but this is just something that I wanted to do."

Jones said that when she was first called up, she had mixed feelings about coming to Fallon.

"I was pretty nervous at first," she said. I didn't know what to expect when I got here. I'm glad to be doing a job that is important while

I'm here, though."

Many of us may have gotten used to seeing the reservists in their green camouflage uniforms swarming the base, but they're not here forever. It's hard to believe sometimes, but 9/11 was almost a year ago, and the reservist's year-long orders are almost finished. At present, they should be demobilized around September or October when they can return to their 'normal' lives.

The nation and most of the world are engaged in a struggle to defeat the forces of evil that seek to disrupt world peace through the use of terrorism. With the help of the United States reserve forces, the military is doing its part to contribute to that effort and it would appear we are making progress. Hopefully, America will never again see acts of terrorism perpetrated on its soil causing the call up of our reserve forces. But if it does happen, we can all rest assured that they will be there, at the ready to answer the call to duty.

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## Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center Change of Command

Rear Adm. David C. Nichols Jr. will relieve Rear Adm. Richard J. Naughton as Commander of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) at 1 p.m. May 29 in Hangar 5.

Nichols will be the 5<sup>th</sup> two star admiral to command NSAWC since its inception in 1996 when Naval Strike Warfare Center (STRIKE), Navy Fighter Weapons school (TOPGUN), and Carrier Early Warning Weapons School (TOPDOME) merged to enhance Naval aviation training effectiveness.

This will be Nichols' third tour at Fallon. He served as a tactics department head at STRIKE, and he also commanded STRIKE from 1995-96.

Nichols most recently was the commander of Carrier Group ONE out of Naval Air Station, North Island in San Diego, Ca. Currently, Naughton's next assignment has not been announced.

## A 38th birthday celebration for CMC! 38?



*Contrary to his claims of celebrating his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday, Command Master Chief Donn Sheldon needed the assistance of the Base Fire Department to help extinguish the conflagration created by the candles on his birthday cake during an impromptu celebration at the Department Head meeting on Tuesday. (Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane)*

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# BZs around base

## NASF Sailors of the Quarter



AO1 (AW) John E. Deitrick

AO1 (AW) John E. Deitrick, 34, a Downey, California native, has been in the Navy for 15 years. He received a letter of commendation for outstanding performance of duty while serving as Weapons Department Production Chief Petty Officer of the Weapons Department. He was selected as NAS Fallon's Senior Sailor of the Quarter because his attention to detail and knowledge of ordnance operations ensured over 250 tons of high explosive air-to-air, and air-to-ground conventional ordnance were safely delivered and expended by two Carrier Air Wing, 13 individual visiting commands, and three demanding tenants. Most noteworthy was his ability to adapt production to meet the accelerated ordnance support tempo required to support Carrier Air Wing training for "Operation Enduring Freedom". His five divisions successfully rose to the operational challenges largely due to his expert guidance and confidence.

### CSFWPD honors its own

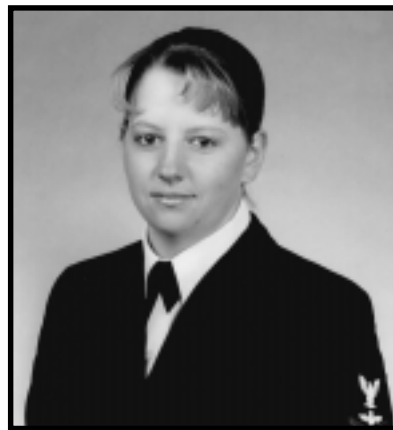


(above) On April 24, CSFWPD held Quarters and would like to recognize and congratulate the following personnel on their accomplishments. Pictured from L to R are: AO3 James, AO3 Mascorro, AEAN Silvabecerra, AEAN Wilson, ADAN Blackwell, and ADAN Mathews, — all received F-A/18 Plane Captain Certificates. AO2 Thompson — frocked to Second



BM2 Janet Hand

BM2 Janet Hand, a Hazlehurst, Ga. native, was selected Sailor of the Quarter for performing her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. As the Department Safety Petty Officer, she revitalized the Security Department's Safety Program resulting in no major discrepancies on the most recent departmental Safety Inspection. She received many accolades for her antiterrorism/Force protection classes at Base Indoctrination, Standard Field Sobriety Test courses for patrolman and the self defense classes she led. She volunteered to be a member of the ground-breaking crisis Intervention Stress Management Team. She is responsible for Committee meetings, Mishap Reports, monthly safety walk-thrus, Safe Working Conditions program, she ensures completion of all mandatory safety training. She also volunteers for Lahontan Elementary School Partners in Education, Churchill County Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc. and High Sierra Search and Rescue.



AO3 ReyDel Veenstra

AO3 ReyDel Veenstra, 20, a Canon City, Colorado native, was selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter for her quality of work, teamwork, work ethic and total devotion to duty. She is the key inspector in enforcement of 15 Explosive Safety Programs. She is fully qualified as Weapons Handling Team Leader for the build up, storage, and transportation management of air-to-air and air-to-ground ordnance supporting Carrier Air Wings and numerous NAS Fallon air field customers. Both positions are usually reserved for Sailors of more seniority. She is a member of NASF Color Guard, Planet X committee member and a Fallon Partners in Education volunteer.

### ABHC Don Ussery to retire

A retirement ceremony will be held for ABHC (AW) Don Ussery on Friday, May 31, 2pm, Hangar 1. Ussery will be retiring after 22 1/2 years in the Navy, beginning with boot camp in 1979. His duty assignments have included NATTC Lakehurst, NJ, NAS Cubi Point, RP, Naval Recruiting District, Raleigh, NC and the carriers USS Ranger, Enterprise, and Abraham Lincoln. He was assigned to Operations Department, NAS Fallon in January of 1999. Chief Ussery will retire in the Fallon area with his wife Dianna, daughter Kara, and son Shane. His oldest daughter Nicholas Klee is an AO3, stationed with VFA-147, assigned to CVW-9, attached to the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

Class Petty Officer: AO1(AW) Ritchie, YN1(AW) Allcorn, and AE3 Adams — all received Letter of Commendations. (left) CSFWPD would like to congratulate AMI Michael Simpson on his reenlistment for another six years. Simpson reenlisted on May 3 in front of his fellow shipmates and his wife.

### AIMU Sailor of the Year



Cmdr Robert Boserman congratulates AT1 Charles Nunley for earning AIMU Sailor of the Year.

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## Base Indoor pool helps produce an Ironman

By: JO3 Denise Morris

The Desert Springs Indoor Pool here not only boasts Fallon's only water slide but also offers a host of recreational and fitness opportunities for base residents. The onset of spring brings a rise in temperature and the swimming pool is the preferred choice for many who are seeking a respite from the desert heat.

Children splash in the aqua blue water and scream with glee as they swoosh down the spiraling water slide. Spouses relax at the water's edge as their children tirelessly climb in and out of the pool. Amidst all these is one lone swimmer, methodically plying the water in repetitious laps.

HM2 Patrick Covert, surgical tech and assistant LPO of acute care at the base medical clinic, uses the pool three times a week and has logged mile upon mile in the water as he pursues his quest: to compete in a full length triathlon.

The first Ironman competition to be held off-road will take place July 20 and 21 in Rifle, Colorado and Covert plans to be among the throngs of athletes attempting to complete a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile mountain bike ride and a 26.2-mile trail run through wooded terrain.

Covert has competed in several marathons such as the Marathon in the Park in Maryland last year as well as the Tahoe Half Marathon, and more recently, the Lake Las Vegas Resort Triathlon.

Here in Fallon, he is a member of the recently formed Churchill County Cyclist group.

These cycle enthusiasts get together and encourage each other through 30 to 40 mile rides each weekend. Additionally, Covert does a lot of off-road biking in his spare time at Grimes Point.

The Ellewood, PA native didn't swim or run much at all until his friends started motivating him to try and exceed the physical fitness requirements of the Navy's PRT program. In fact, Covert's lifestyle at that time left little room between his sedentary habits and his waistline for physical training. He jokingly said that he started running for one reason, "So I can eat my wife's cooking."

His then, 235 pounds spoke volumes for the high quality of his wife, Mel's, cooking and he knew he needed to do something to create a healthier lifestyle for himself. But the real reason he actively started running was because he likes competition. "A friend of mine got me to do a 5K and I was beat by a whole lot of people and I hate to lose. So I started running more," he said.

When his friends first started making him run three miles, he said that it was painful and he felt like he was going to fall out after the run. His legs would ache, his knees would hurt and it was a very unenjoyable event.

Then when he was stationed at National Naval Media Center in Bethesda, Maryland, his friends pushed him to run even greater distances and to keep up with their fast pace.

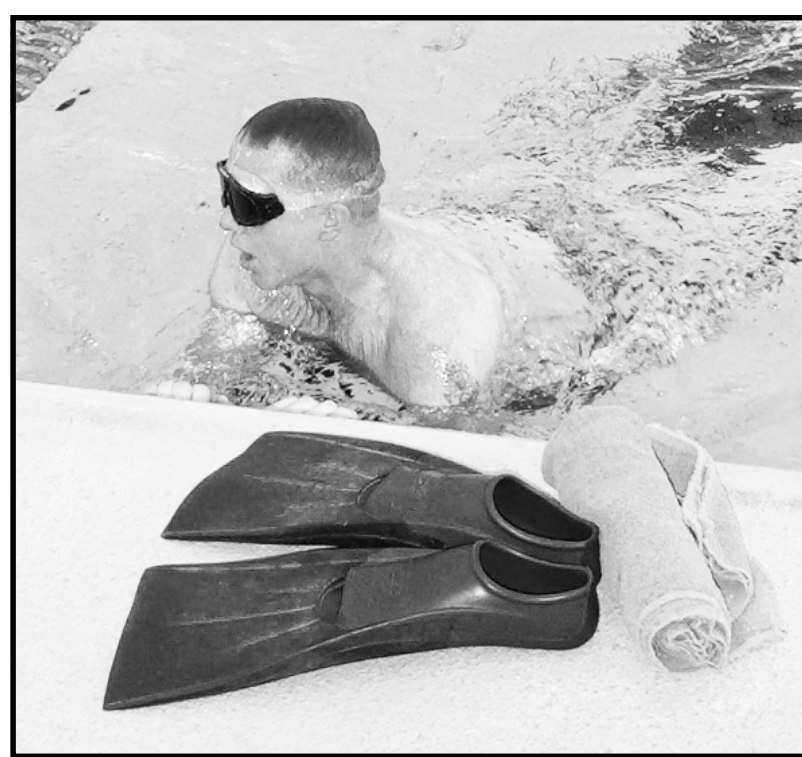
Also while in Maryland, the community of running groups was so large that there were even more people motivating him to run. After a while, without realizing it, he was losing a pound a week. "Once I started losing weight, I started feeling better," he said.

Once he started getting faster and was able to keep up with the faster crowd of runners, it became a game to him. Even while running the semi-annual PRT, it would be a race with his friends. Through this process of competition he gradually became a better runner.

Much like his running in the early days, Covert's swimming also lacked strength. "I started off swimming to where I could hardly swim a length or two of the pool without being out of breath. But now I can swim for an hour," he said.

He attributes his strength in swimming to Atsuko Perkins, Manager and Head Lifeguard of the Indoor Pool. "She had me swimming a mile a day for the first couple of months." Covert said, "Atsuko really helped me. She watched how I swam, told me what I was doing wrong with my arms and my legs. I couldn't ask for a better person to be working over there."

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HM2 Patrick Covert makes a turn while swimming laps in the base indoor pool. (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)



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Perkins, of Yokohama, Japan, coaches the Churchill County High School swim team as well as the city swim team, the Fallon Barracudas. She said she knew Covert was strong in the running and biking portion of the triathlon and agreed to help him with the swimming portion. "He needed help with his stroke as far as endurance is concerned," she said. She also helped him with economy of motion techniques for open water swimming, which, she says, is a lot different than pool swimming. Perkins has been working with Covert since October and she believes he will do well in the Ironman competition. "I know he can do it," she said confidently.

From where he stands now, the finish line of the Ironman competition is a long ways off. But, so is the point from where he began. "It's never easy to start," he said. According to Covert, it's not easy to get up at 5 a.m. to face the monotony

of running when you know that it's going to be painful. But, he keeps at it every day and over time his body has adapted to running long distances. "Once you start to maintain it for a little while, you start to see that, 'Hey, this isn't so bad,'" he said.

Covert said that running and swimming to him is a big stress reliever. While he runs, his mind is clear of stress and any problems that he is facing.

He said that the event will last about 18 to 20 hours for him. "My whole goal is to finish. As long as I finish, I will be ecstatic because I was able to complete this event. I've done marathons and other events, but nothing of this length," he said.

Most of us don't use the facilities at the pool for such extreme training such as what Covert is currently engaged in, but if you see him there, swimming laps for hours on end, you'll know that he is on a mission. That mission ends at the completion of the Ironman competition, but it started right here at NAS Fallon.



HM2 Patrick Covert before



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For more information, contact Lisa Pouncey, [lpouncey@teksystems.com](mailto:lpouncey@teksystems.com).



# SAR trains for worst case scenario

Story and photos by JO3 Denise Morris

Two F-14 Tomcats are cutting holes in the sky above Bravo-16 when one augers in, leaving a smoking hole in the desert. The wingman makes passes over the site and sees two 'chutes and movement on the ground. Time to call in SAR.

This scenario, though dreaded by all on base, could happen at any time. How the Longhorns of the Naval Air Station Search and Rescue team responds could make the difference between life and death for the pilot who suddenly finds himself with both feet planted on Terra Firma, going nowhere, when moments before he was flying at the speed of sound.

Part of NAS Fallon's claim to fame is the fact that we provide the most realistic training scenarios available. For NASF SAR, coming up with the parameters of a realistic training mission is an all-hands evolution, providing for input from crewmembers and pilots alike. "We do a lot of military crashes, because that is what our mission is primarily," said SAR Crewman AT3 Tripp Greenhill. "We do a lot of training for the technical aspect (that includes) landings, rappels and hoisting," he added.

These scenarios are worked out on paper before they are put into action to maximize the training value of the mission. Though every consideration is made to ensure safety, the inherent dangers still exist. "In some cases, the training that we do is harder than the actual mission," said crewmember AT2 Sean Lawson.

The Longhorns were named the Desert Angels back in 1972 and were established to be an asset to the pilots and aircrews who train here. Over the years, they also have increasingly become an invaluable asset to numerous civilian agencies throughout California and Nevada. Most of the civilian rescues occur in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, but have been conducted as far north as Idaho and as far south as Bishop, CA.

The team consists of a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief, corpsman and second crewman. AT2 Sean Lawson said, "As a crewman, we're basically responsible for everything behind the cockpit." He added a crewman is responsible for hoisting and rappelling crewmembers and transferring victims into the helicopter. "We are all equally important in the helicopter because it is all of our lives on the line out there if there is an emergency," said Lawson, adding, "Every time we fly, we're learning, because it is a constantly changing environment."

The second crewman is there to answer to basic patient response and to assist the corpsman with administering to any minor injuries the patient may have sustained. It's important for crewmen to adapt quickly to every rescue,

because it's impossible to train for every situation. HM2 Chris Clipson, a SAR Corpsman, explains the importance of having a medically trained sailor on board the aircraft. "SAR corpsman are the only registered medical expert aboard the helicopter. He is responsible for overall patient care."

The team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and to date have worked with over 20 different agencies ranging from local fire departments and county sheriffs to state Civil Air Patrols and federal Rescue Coordination Centers.

In addition to their search and rescue duties, the team also participates in many community events and airshows such as the Reno Air Races, Beale AFB Airshow in California, Mountain Home AFB airshow in Idaho, and numerous demonstrations at surrounding schools in Nevada. During these events the Longhorns provide flight demonstrations and static aircraft displays promoting their life-saving capabilities, mountain safety, and the Navy itself.

When they're not out rescuing people or participating in the civilian sector they spend most of their time training.

The team has a rigorous program to develop the skills of new trainees as well as senior team members that consists of daily Search and Rescue Exercises (SAREX), mountain flying technique, practice hoists and rappels, and ground training lectures. The SAREX's involve using personnel as both survivors and rescuers to simulate the worst case scenario for practicing search and recovery.

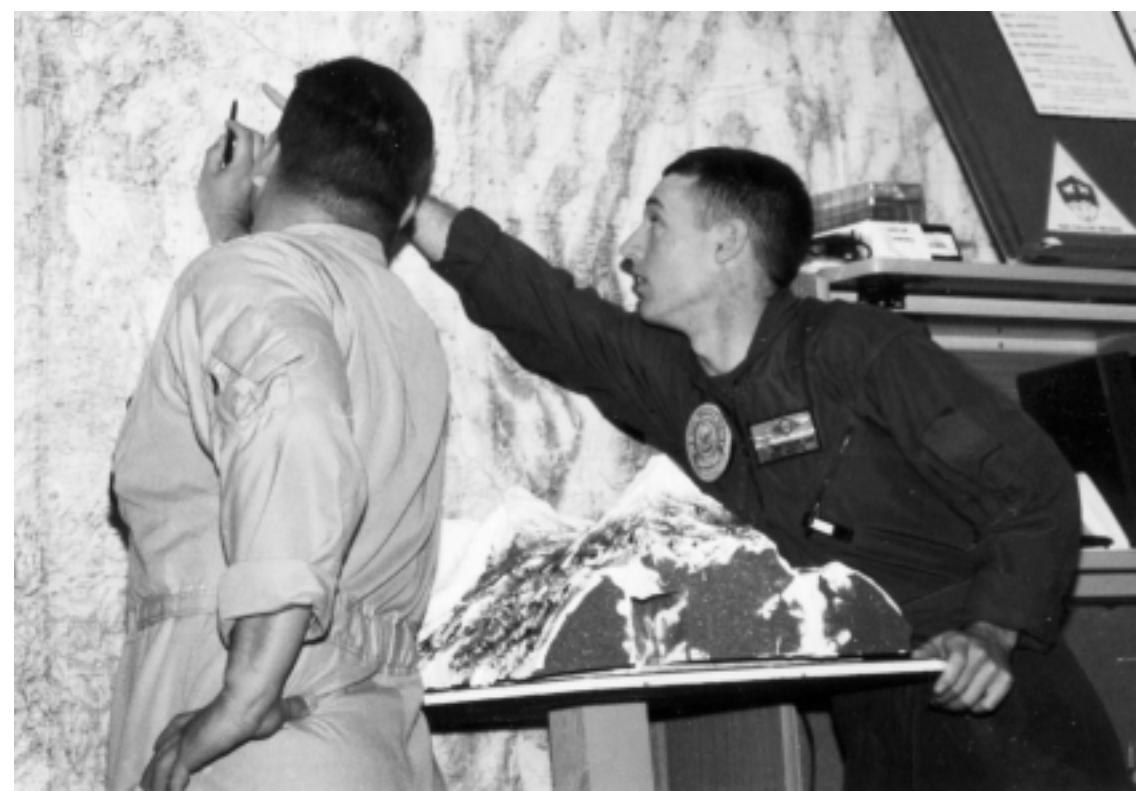
A typical flight will include using search patterns to find anywhere from one to three survivors stranded in a high mountain/cliff situation. Methods for recovery may include hoisting, landing, or rappelling depending on the terrain. Crewmembers get together after each flight to evaluate each other's performance and discuss how things could have been done better or faster.

These debriefs are also useful tools for developing and adding to existing weekly ground lectures that cover a variety of topic from mountain flying to aircraft systems. All things learned in training relate directly to the business of saving lives, which averages approximately 30 calls per year.

Whether they are going out to recover a pilot who has ejected from his aircraft, or searching for a lost hiker, it's a safe bet that the Naval Air Station Search and Rescue team is ready for whatever they may encounter. Ready because they have probably done it before, in real life or in real training.







*Far left: AO3 Jack Kavetski rappels from the aircraft, left, AT3 Sean Lawson looks over the terrain for the victim; top, Lawson, after a safety check, okays AT3 White to rappel; right, AT3 Rusty White rappels down to the victim; above right, crew performs preflight check; Lt. Gregory Robert and White locate the area where the victim is located.*

# NSAWC takes Partnership in Education to school

By JO3 Luke Johnson, NSAWC Public Affairs

In a televised speech to the nation, President George Bush recently told Americans how they could assist in the war on terror. He said that each of us could help make the nation stronger by volunteering in our own communities. Personnel at the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) here have taken that advice to heart and are making a difference in the lives of young school students at Numa Elementary School. By tutoring these children, NSAWC Sailors are investing in America's future.

NSAWC's 'Partnership in Education' was started about five years ago in response to a need in the community to help children do better in school.

The program has helped students who have had problems with certain academic areas in school. According to IS2 Tiffany Brown Partnership in Education program coordinator for NSAWC, We work with the elementary school to find the best tutors to suite each students needs.

Brown also said it is very satis-

fying to lead a program where she can interact with the teachers as well as the tutors. She gets to hear inputs from the teachers on how the tutors are doing as well as inputs from the tutors to help her make changes and improve the tutoring program.

"I am always very glad to hear that our tutors are doing an excellent job," said Brown.

She also feels that the Partnership of Education is more than a just a program to help students with their studies. She feels that kids want somebody to talk to, and the children want to be heard by an adult other than then their teachers or parents.

Brown is also a tutor herself; she works with the Kindergartners at Numa. She loves working with younger children because they are so inquisitive.

"It's cool to hear them talk, and I am always surprised by what they say to me," said Brown

She believes that the tutoring program gives young sailors a leadership role in the community.

IS3 Daniel Sherman likes being a tutor because it gives him an opportunity to help shape a child's opin-

ion on many different aspects of life, and it also gives the child a positive view of the Navy in their community.

The most challenging aspect of tutoring for Sherman is teaching math to younger children. However, he rose to the challenge by teaching a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl long subtraction in two tutoring sessions, which her teacher spent six months trying to teach her. Sherman added that children love seeing him in his uniform. He says they always ask how does he keep his shoes so shinny.

Sherman feels that tutoring is an important job, but at the same time it is very fun.

"Any thing that you do for others is good for moral. It help's me feel good (to help children)," said Sherman.

Brown is passionate about the Partnership in Education program. She knows that the tutors are making a difference in a child's life and that the kids will remember the time that they spent with their tutors.

"I would like to thank all the tutors who take the time out of their busy schedule to help make a difference in child's life. You have actually been a hero

# Health Watch: good habits can control some cancers

By Aveline V. Allen, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Cancer may be one of the most frightening diagnoses there is - yet, there are practical steps you can take to help prevent its onset or catch it early before it can cause serious health effects.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends practicing habits that can help prevent several forms of common cancers. Here are a few:

- Smoking and drinking alcohol may cause cancer. Avoid using tobacco and alcohol. Cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco can cause cancer and should not be used.
- "While excessive alcohol use can be associated with certain cancers, any amount of smoking or tobacco use is dangerous," said Lt. Cmdr. Vincent Herrin, Medical Corps, oncologist, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. "Perhaps one third of all cancer deaths could be prevented by smoking cessation. That is a huge number of cancer deaths that could be prevented by behavior modification."

- Skin cancer can be prevented by staying in the shade as much as you can, wearing a hat and shirt when in the sun and using sunscreen.

"The number of cases of melanoma, an aggressive, potentially deadly skin cancer, has skyrocketed over recent decades," said Herrin. "Use of sun screens and protective clothing can greatly diminish the risk

of developing this and other less deadly skin cancers, as can self-skin examination."

- The food that we eat has been linked to certain types of cancer, so it is a good rule of thumb to eat a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains such as pasta and bread, and cut down on high fat foods. Research shows that, in adults, approximately one-third of all cancer-related deaths are linked to dietary factors and lack of exercise.

"We don't know exactly what role diet plays in cancer risk, but it is clear that a healthy diet and exercise can lower the risk for cancer," said Herrin.

- Breast cancer can be detected and treated early by doing monthly at-home self breast exams.

"Self-breast exams are important, especially combined with yearly exams and mammograms beginning at the appropriate age," said Herrin. "Know your family history, because this is a key risk factor. Also for women, periodic PAP smears and gynecological exams are very important for early detection of cervical cancer."

It is a fact that if certain cancers are found in the early stages, the chances for treatment and control are more successful.

"For men, yearly digital rectal exams and a PSA, a blood test, can help detect prostate cancer in the early stages," said Herrin. "This should usually begin around age 50, though younger for African-Americans."

"Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, so prevention and early detection should be a priority for all of us," said Herrin.

For more information about cancer, go to the American Cancer Society page at <http://www.cancer.org>. For more medical news, see the Navy Medicine NewsStand page at <http://www.news.navy.mil/local/mednews>.

## New Face on Base



MA3 Jeremiah Johnson, explosive dog handler for Military Working dogs, performs some basic obedience and military facing movements with MWD Ringo, a 2 year-old Belgian Malnois, who just reported aboard as well. Johnson just reported from NAS Jacksonville Brig as a corrections officer. In his off-hours he likes to play sports, volunteer, and work with Ringo. While he is stationed here, he plans to play in the base softball team, study for advancement and take college courses.

## Fire station gets new Information Station



The Equal Employment Opportunity Information Stations provide each department with current SECNAV policy information, Commanding Officer's policy statements, DoD Human Goals Charter and a variety of other valuable information resources. The intent of this bold step is to increase base-wide awareness of the Command Managed Equal Opportunity Program (CMEOP) while encouraging all members to resolve issues at the lowest level. Information stations are applicable to all military and civilian employees. **This initiative is a direct result of the April 2002 joint military and ci-**

### vilian command climate survey.

The Command Training and Assessment Team (CTAT) sees this effort as the first line of defense in combating unprofessional behavior, sexual harassment and discrimination onboard Naval Air Station, Fallon. Pictured from left to right are: William Youles, President, International Association of Fire Fighters Local F-268; Capt Brad T. Goetsch, NAS Fallon, Commanding Officer; PRC (AW) Phillip Mable, Equal Opportunity Advisor; and Mr. Gary Pirkle, Assistant Fire Chief, Federal Fire Department. Photo by AS1 Christopher Kroepel

## June weather notes for NAS Fallon

June averages marks the commencement of the hot, dry summer period at NAS Fallon. Occasional gusty wind caused by daytime heating will create reduced visibility from blowing dust and/or sand. Isolated rainshowers account for most of the precipitation during the month due to thunderstorm activity with an average of three days.

Averages:

Rain:

60 inches (Extreme maximum 1.46 inches in 1977)

Snow:

00 inches (Extreme maximum 0.00 inches in 1995)

Temperature:

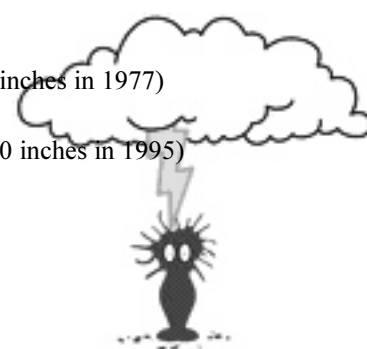
Average maximum 85

Average minimum 53

Average 69

Extreme maximum 106 (1990)

Extreme minimum 33 (1945)





# NASF SPORTS

## Johnson grabs Athlete of the Year honors

By: JO1 Patrick Lane

The Naval Air Station recently named ABF2 Anthony Johnson, 26, of Fleet Liaison as this year's Athlete of the Year. The award is given each year to an individual who exhibits sustained superior support of sports programs for all hands. The recipient is selected by a panel of senior military members and MWR representatives from a pool of candidates nominated who were nominated through their department or division. "The competition was extremely tight this year," said Command Master Chief Donn Sheldon. "We had a wide field of excellent candidates to choose from."

Master Chief Sheldon went on to explain the importance of having an organized sports program on base. "It not only gives members an opportunity to participate in a constructive, healthy activity; it strengthens teamwork both on and off the field," he said.

Johnson appreciates the effect team sports has in bringing a group together. He says he understands what it's like for sailors new to the Navy and the difficulties some have making the adjustment to military life. He believes the team spirit fostered by organized sports transcends into the workspace, making life better for the individual and creating a stronger unit for the Navy. "Sports is the one tool I think the whole Navy should use to raise moral," he said.

The Lubbock Texas native transferred to NAS Fallon in 1999, arriving here from USS Stennis (CVN-74). He appreciates the opportunities shore duty offers for the sports

oriented sailor. "MWR is starting to do a lot of things around the base with sports and the Single Sailor Program," said Johnson. "Those guys are working hard for us. Nobody should be saying that there isn't anything happening on base. There's so much going on. You just have to get involved," he added.

Though Johnson participated in Captain's Cup basketball, softball, football and golf, he feels the need to promote sports throughout his department. He serves as both Athletic Petty Officer and PRT Coordinator at Fleet Liaison and is considered a 'sports evangelist' among his



**ABF2 Anthony Johnson earned Athlete of the Year for superior support of base sports programs**

peers. In fact, many at Fleet Liaison say that when it comes to sports, 'Bo Johnson Knows', referring to the famous Bo Jackson catch phrase.

Bo Jackson was considered an all around athlete when he made headlines and was featured in television commercials for starring in two major professional sports; football for the Oakland Raiders and baseball for the

Kansas City Royals. But, to be selected as NASF Athlete of the Year, Bo Jackson would also have to possess a clean disciplinary record, present a military demeanor and behavior commensurate with his rank and promote a healthy lifestyle among his peers. These are just some of the criteria used in the selection process for the award and though Bo Jackson might not make the grade, "Bo" Johnson fits the bill according to ABH1 Paul Miller, Assistant LPO of Fleet Liaison. "He's got a positive attitude and is always trying to get people involved in the intramural sports program. He gets them interested and he gets them out there. Even the ones who don't normally participate, he'll at least get them to try," said Miller.

According to Johnson's wife, Patricia, who works at MWR Marketing, Johnson's obsession with sports involves his family as well. With four kids ranging in age from one to four, the Johnson family already can field their own basketball team, but Petty Officer has plans for his children. According to Patricia their son Anthony Jr., 3, is destined for the Dallas Cowboys if his father has anything to do with it. Petty Officer Johnson is such an avid Dallas fan he has the Dallas 'star' tattooed on his left arm. As for their daughters, Midajah, 1; Kayla, 4; and Brianna, 6, "They're headed for the WNBA," said Patricia of her husband's aspirations for the kids.

Johnson's enthusiasm is contagious and has a positive impact on those around him. No matter who he is talking to, his message is always the same. "Get involved, somehow, someway. You can make things here a lot better. You don't even have to compete in sports, just come out as a spectator and support the program and your team," he said.

## Rattlesnake, From Page 1

ITT office, Rattlesnake offers a great entertainment opportunity for anyone looking for excitement. "If you like NASCAR and Winston Cup racing, this is the same thing," said Baum. "It's the same principle."

Though the action may be out on the track, races are won and lost in the pits where good help is always welcome. Those who want to get closer to the action can easily get behind the scenes to lend a hand. Baum invites anyone looking for excitement to come out to the track and take a look. "If you like what you see, then the next time you'll want to get a pit pass. Talk to the drivers and you'll be sure to find someone who is looking for some help," he said. According to Baum, getting the car into the race is more than half the battle. "Anybody who races at this level would kill for good pit help. That's the best way to learn about dirt track racing and the best way to get involved," he said.

According to Baum, there are over

20 volunteers from the base working at the track, and numerous others working for various drivers in the pits. Of course, there are those who have to get their hands on the steering wheel. Lt. Clint Moxey has been stationed at Fallon for over a year, but decided just weeks ago to get involved in dirt track racing. His first race ever was on opening night at the track.

With his Dodge Charger painted in the colors of NAS Search and Rescue, complete with the Longhorn symbol on the hood, Moxey took to the track with one purpose — to beat NASF Executive Officer, Cdr. Ed Rybold in his larger, more powerful, Dodge Daytona. Moxey stated that the very nature of racing incites rivalry. "You can't have something like this and not have a healthy competition," he said. Indeed, that spirit of competition drove Moxey to a third place finish at the end of the night, putting him well in front of the Executive Officer who placed 12th.

There are four classes of cars racing at Rattlesnake including "Bomb-

ers," Street Stock and IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Modified. But it is the Gen-X class that provides novice racers the greatest opportunity to get out on the track. Any 1980 or newer front-wheel drive sedan of any one of several GM, Ford or Chrysler models with the proper safety modifications is allowed to race. No driver's license is required, nor is there a regulation regarding insurance. Drivers race at their own risk.

"It's unique in that it's relatively low-maintenance," said Baum of the Gen-X class. "You can get into it cheap and not have to spend your entire summer working on the car to qualify." Gen-X cars are very affordable and can be picked up from racers who have moved up in class. According to Moxey, who spent less than \$800 to purchase a race-ready car mere weeks before the first race, it is well within the range of the Sailors here. Getting a car out on the track is not just for individuals. According to Baum, the crew at NASF Weapons Department sponsored a car



Name	Car Number	Points
Glenn Lee	81	40
Wade Matthews	11	37
Ed Muise*	20	35
Jeremy Constable	3X	34
Clint Moxey*	56	34
Jerry Roseland*	6	32
Silas Howell	72	31
Melissa Baglin	44	30
Earl Wearin	9	29
Keith Howell	54II	29
Milo Leist/Don Sheldon*	99	25
Jim Currier/Mike Tidwel	77	24
Ed Rybold*	21	23
Steve Singley	18	23
Ahtruim Thunder	49	19
Jason Fulton*	3	17
Tony Sellers	5	9

Bomber		
Name	Car Number	Points
Bob Vaden	00	40
Lee Ketten	80	38
Kenneth Gotchal	101	35
Dave Dost*	4	33
Linda Jones*	2	32
Tim Wearin	9N	32
Shannon Morris	87	31
Ray Martz	43	29
Bill Agard	9	27
Chris Jimenez	44	26
Wes Washburn	17	25
Dale Gilson	8R	25
Carl Lee	3X	24
Benji Smith	15	21
John Drozek	22	19
Mike Ellison	8E	18
Royce Montgomery	33T	5

Street Stock		
Name	Car Number	Points
Rich Baum*	33	38
Scott Deutsch	20	36
Rob Grace	42	36
Troy Harris	7	35
Willie Ferrier	70	35
Bill Boucher	99	30
Rob Malson*	21A	29
Justin Busch	4	28
Lisa Baum*	66L	26
Dick Rogers	22	24
Lynn Rinehart*	26J	24

IMCA Modified		
Name	Car Number	Points
Gene Kay	3N	40
Robert Miller	31C	39
Malon Gonzalez	2	38
Wayne Richards	7	37
Carl Barlow	27N	36
Steve McGee	57	35
John Hill*	71	34
Brent Purkapile	10P	33
Gene Parrott	29	32
Shawn Marlow	32M	31
Mike Darnall	21	30
Bob Boles	25	29
Arne Martin	83	28

\* Denotes base personnel

in 1998 that virtually everyone in the department worked on or drove in the races.

Rattlesnake Raceway hosts a web site full of information and schedules to help anyone interested as a spectator or participant. According to Baum, anything a person needs to know to get started in the sport can be found at [www.rattlesnakeraceway.com](http://www.rattlesnakeraceway.com). Among the wealth of information topics, "There are instructions for building cars and networks to help you find a used car to purchase," he said.

According to Baum, it's common to either buy or build a Gen-X car and be up and racing for around \$700. After that, all you need is speed.

## ARMED FORCES DAY RUN MAY 18, 9am

**4-Mile Out-and-Back Run starting and ending on the Fitness Trail located behind the Medical Clinic**  
**Early Registration: \$5 (paid by COB Friday at the Gym)**

**Day of Race: \$7**  
**First 40 entrants will receive a T-shirt or tank top**

**Free fruit and water available**  
1st finisher receives a 96-Hour Liberty Pass  
2nd Place AD finisher receives a 72-Hour Liberty Pass  
1st Place and Second Place Non-AD finishers will receive trophies  
For more information or to register, please contact Tim or Marcia at 426-2949

# News and Notes

**Look forward to...**  
**--Friday, May 17 Big Party Night...** Watch for details and band information!  
**--Saturday, May 18 Grand Opening of Silver State's Outdoor Pool !**  
**--Annual Pig Roast,** Horse Shoes, Volleyball, Swimming  
**--Saturday, June 8...**possibility of a  
**---Post Air Show Party**  
**---"Community Day"** watch for details!  
**--Cooking Volunteers for a Fashion Show Prize**  
**Next Wives Club Meeting - La Fiesta**  
**--Thanks Amy and Terri for all your hard work!**  
**--La Fiesta has been warned!!** May 17 @ 7pm. They serve wonderful fish bowls of Margaritas!! Please come along!  
**--Navy Marine Corps Relief Society**

We are in need of some new volunteers, we are losing several this summer due to moves. We are in need of Receptionist's right now, and it would only have to be one afternoon or morning a week. The society will reimburse for child care. It's a great little office to work at, just answering phones, making appointments, light typing, and we have a lot of fun. Have them call Shirley Parker at 426-2739 or me, Jana Rybold at 428-2626. Thanks a lot!  
**--Horse Back Riding Lessons - - Cowboy style Yee Ha!**  
Lessons available from the Flying M Stables. A group of folks are getting together on Thursday mornings from 9.30 - 10.30 to ride western style! 65 buckaroones for 5 lessons. Come along. For further information contact Marie Doty owner of the stables on 423 9215.  
**--Don't forget to look at the OSC**

web page, it has all the above info and much more. Just type in [webpages.charter.net/edgedesign](http://webpages.charter.net/edgedesign) and Bob's your Uncle or Robert is your Mother's Brother!!

**--Are you eligible for advancement?** Check your records at BUPERS to ensure they are correct and up-to-date. Here are some websites to help you:  
<https://www.ntmpsetj.navy.mil>--Electronic Training Jacket  
[www.bupers.navy.mil](http://www.bupers.navy.mil)--Bupers Access

## --Disneyland Resort Accommodations Offer

Extended until June 13  
U.S. active military personnel are eligible for special military rates at the Hotels of the *Disneyland Resort* in California. The starting rates per night are Sunday - Thursday at *Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel* - \$79, *Disneyland Hotel* - \$99 and *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel* - \$149. Friday and Saturday rates per night start at *Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel* - \$99, *Disneyland Hotel* - \$119 and *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel* - \$179. Rates do not include the resort fee or applicable taxes and are valid through June 13, 2002. The number of rooms available at these rates is limited.

For more information or to make reservations, military personnel may call (714) 956-MICKEY and reference the Military promotion rate plan MLT. Subject to availability, not valid with other offers or discounts and advanced reservations required.

**--Armed Forces Day/Fernley Air Fest --** In honor of Armed Forces Day, men and women in uniform (including military, fire and enforcement) are invited to Armed Forces Day in Fernley, May 18-19 at Tiger Field. For more information, call 775-575-4459.

## --GET READY, GET SET, "COOK CHILI"

ITT is sponsoring a Chili Cook Off for all of you wonderful cooks. Event will be held on June 8 at Sorenson Park. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded for the best tasting chili. Receive a MWR Chili Cook-Off T-shirt with each \$15 entry fee. Come in to the Ticket office located in Bldg. 308 for more information or call 426-2275 / 2865.

--Season is open for Rattlesnake Raceway, ITT has your discounted tickets. Adult admission is \$ 6.

--For your convenience the ticket office will remain open until 5pm Monday through Friday. Please share your opinion on these hours, as our goal is to best serve you.

## --Outdoor Pool opening

Outdoor Pool Hours  
1pm - 6pm Wed. thru Fri.  
11am - 6pm Sat., Sun., and holidays  
Must have consistent use to keep it open throughout the week (Wed./Fri.)  
Mon. and Tues. call ahead two days in advance and we will open for three or more families!

## HMC Charles Parsons retires



A retirement ceremony was held Thursday for HMC Charles Parsons at the Base Chapel. Chief Parsons enlisted in September of 1973 and graduated from Hospital Corpsman School in 1974. He arrived here in 1999 and has been serving at the Branch Medical Clinic as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. Chief Parsons and his wife, Dawn, will make their home in Harrodsburg, KY.

## Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense

From the Office of the Secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Since 1950, our nation has celebrated the third Saturday in May as Armed Forces Day, an occasion to reflect upon and recognize the devotion to duty and service of our men and women in uniform.

It is a day to remind all Americans of our military members' contributions in guarding and maintaining the liberties we cherish. The past year has tested your skills and abilities as America and its allies wage a war on terrorism that we did not seek but will not lose. As President Bush noted, "We are called to defend freedom against ruthless enemies. And, once again, we need steadfastness, courage and hope." As our armed forces have so often, you are meeting that challenge.

Since September 11th, America has drawn renewed strength from our values. Through the service of our military members, and the support of the American people, friends and foes alike know that we are a nation United for Freedom. In the president's words, "The battle is now joined on many fronts. We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; and we will not fail."

On Armed Forces Day 2002, the American people express their thanks to all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen for your continuing role in securing the blessings of liberty for all of us. Whether on tarmacs or targeting computers, flight decks or foot patrols, you are patriots all, and the nation is exceptionally grateful for your dedicated and noble service.

Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense

## Desert Moon Theater

Friday, May 17

6:30pm

Monster's Ball (R)

9pm

Panic Room (R)

Saturday, May 18

6:30pm

Clock Stoppers (PG)

9pm

The Sweetest Thing (R)

Sunday, May 19

2pm

Ice Age (PG)

5pm

The Rookie (G)

7:30pm

Panic Room (R)



## Employment Opportunities

### VACANCY NOTICE

Churchill County High School NJROTC Program announces a position:

#### Naval Science Instructor

This position will serve as an assistant to the Senior Naval Science Instructor.

Position requires: Retired or will be retired by August 2002 from the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

Naval Science Instructor Certification or qualified to obtain certification by August 2002.

Completed Churchill County School District application including a resume.

Salary based on active duty pay and retirement pay.

200 day work calendar to include actual 182 school days.

Application Deadline: 4 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2002.

For information, call Personnel Office (423-5184) – Mrs. Lori Norcutt, Gary Imelli, Assistant Superintendent or Commander Rod Maskew, Naval Science Instructor – CCHS (423-2181)

#### Supply Clerk

Salary Range: \$24,701-\$32,113

Knowledge, skills and abilities: Knowledge of standardized supply regulations to perform routine tech-

nical support duties related to maintaining property accounts and records, completing individual transactions, providing customer assistance, screening reference files, conducting data searches and distributing output files.

Who may apply: Current or former permanent federal employees eligible for transfer or re-instatement, veteran readjustment appointment eligibles, disabled veterans, applicants meeting criteria for serverly physically disabled and current DoD nonappropriated fund employees.

How to apply: If you are interested in applying for the position listed above, please submit your resume on line [www.donhr.navy.mil](http://www.donhr.navy.mil) or you may email your resume to [wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil). Please select announcement number 2005. U.S. citizenship is required.

#### Security Assistant

Salary range: \$22,078-\$35,796

Knowledge, skills and abilities: Responsible for assisting in the execution of personnel, information, ADP and physical security programs at NSAWC. Assists the security department and command by performing a variety of clerical and administrative duties in support of the security specialists. Responsible for the administration of the security program for a major critical program of highly classified nature. Incumbents will be

required to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance. Coordinates and/or conducts destruction of classified material. Maintains destruction records. Provides computer support, utilizing microcomputers and computer programs and loading of software onto the hard drives. Performs internal physical security functions for facility including making safe combination changes and administering lockup procedures.

Open to all U.S. citizens.

If you are interested in applying for the position listed above, please submit your resume on line [www.donhr.navy.mil](http://www.donhr.navy.mil) or you may email your resume to [wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil). Please select announcement number 0086. U.S. citizenship is required.

#### Emergency Communications Dispatcher

Salary Range: \$24,701-\$32,113

Major duties: Operates all communications links pertaining to law enforcement, physical security, fire suppression, aircraft crash/rescue vehicles and personnel.

Knowledge, skills and abilities: Ability to operate multiple radio communications equipment simultaneously.

Ability to operate alphanumeric keyboard. Ability to dispatch emergency response vehicles to exact locations. May have highly stressful situations. Who may apply: Current or former permanent federal employees, disabled veterans meeting criteria and current Dod nonappropriated fund employees. If you are interested, please submit resume to [wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil). Please select announcement 2151

## The Desert Classifieds

### Pets:

—If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

### Autos

:FOR SALE-

--Dodge Ram Mopar bedliner--less than 1-year old.

Fits short bed. Excellent condition. All attaching hardware included.

Bug deflector brand new.

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